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1. THE EMBASSY ALSO IS PLEASED THAT PROF FARNHAM IS INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER. THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT FARNHAM AND WILES WOULD MAKE AN IDEALLY SUITED AND EXPERIENCED TEAM TO GET THE ASC OFF TO A GOOD START. THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ASC AND ITS OPERATIONS AT SOME LENGTH IN WARSAW AND, FROM ALL INDICATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER.

2. THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE METHOD OF FUNDING TO BE EMPLOYED FOR THE ASC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POSITIONS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PROFESSOR FARNHAM'S PRESENT SALARY IS WELL IN EXCESS OF \$20,000. WILES' PRESENT SALARY IS \$11,500. HE WILL EARN IN EXCESS OF \$12,000 AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR. WHEN ANNUALIZED, WILES' SALARY WILL ALREADY APPROACH THE \$15,000 FULBRIGHT LIMIT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BOTH THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITIONS WILL BE 12-MONTH JOBS AND THAT ANNUALIZATION OF THEIR SALARIES IS MANDATORY. WILES CURRENTLY HAS ONE

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ACADEMIC AS COULD BE EXPECTED FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION AND YET HIS ALARY ALREADY IS AT THE UPPER LIMIT OF THE FULBRIGHT SCALE. THIS PROBLEM BECOMES ACUTE IN DEALING WITH THE SALARY LEVEL FOR THE ASC DIRECTOR. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE PRESENT \$15,000 LIMIT ON FULBRIGHT SALARIES HAS BEEN BADLY ERODED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS BY INFLATION AND THAT \$18,000 WOULD NOW BE THE LEVEL NECESSARY TO ATTRACT THE DESIRED ACADEMICS FOR THE GENERAL FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. THE ASC DIRECTOR POSITION MUST BE OCCUPIED BY SENIOR ACADEMIC SUCH AS PROFESSOR FARNHAM. RECRUITING FOR THIS POSITION IS CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT THAN FOR OUR FULBRIGHT POSITIONS. IN THIS INSTANCE WE ARE SEEKING A SPECIFIC HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO PERFORM A VERY IMPORTANT FUNCTION. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE FUNDING OF THE ASC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITIONS BY MEANS OF A GRANT RATHER THAN THROUGH THE FULBRIGH PROGRAM.

3. THE EMBASSY CONCURS WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN THE DEPARTMENTS ATTEMPT TO BROADEN THE BASE OF SUPPORT FOR THE ASC BY ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS TO JOIN INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN THE PROJECT.

4. ASC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILES IS NOW CONCLUDING A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MONTHS WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER. WILES IS AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG ACADEMIC. HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RE-ESTABLISH QUICKLY THE MANY CONTACTS HE HAD FROM 1972 WHEN HE WAS HERE AS A STANFORD EXCHANGE STUDENT. HE IS PERSONALBE, ENTHUSIASTIC, AND HAS MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON EMBASSY OFFICERS, UNIVERSITY, AND MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICIALS WITH WHOME HE HAS MET. INDIANA UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR MAKING HIM AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT.

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